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## Amendments to the Specification

Revise the wording of the sentence appearing at page 1, lines 3-4 as follows.

This is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/642,390 filed August 18, 2000 [[.]] The priority which is a continuation of PCT/EP 99/00286 filed January 19, 1999, and DE 198-03-362.1 filed January 29, 1998 is claimed pursuant to USC 35 "120 and 365(b), respectively.

A fresh page 1 with the revised sentence is enclosed herewith.